GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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POST/TELEGRAPH FACILITY IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have both post office and telegraph office facilities and the number of villages having only post office facility in the country;

(b) the number of villages having no post office facility as on date; and

(c) the time by which these villages are likely to be provided with the said facility?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): All the villages are provided with facility of delivery and collection of mail. Sale of stamps and stationery is also done through delivery agents when they go out for delivery in those areas where there is no Post Office.

There are 135678 villages with Post Offices.

There are 34908 villages, which have telegraph office facility in the country.

(c) Post Offices are opened on norm based justification subject to availability of resources.